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Draft report of the Sixth Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects

I. Introduction

1. In its resolution 56/24 V, the General Assembly welcomed the adoption by consensus of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects and decided to convene a conference, no later than 2006, to review progress made in the implementation of the Programme of Action, the date and venue of which were to be decided by the Assembly at its fifty-eighth session. The Assembly also decided to convene a meeting of States on a biennial basis, commencing in 2003, to consider the national, regional and global implementation of the Programme of Action.

2. Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 57/72 and 59/86, the first two biennial meetings were held in New York, from 7 to 11 July 2003 and from 11 to 15 July 2005. In accordance with Assembly resolutions 58/241 and 59/86, the United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects was held in New York from 26 June to 7 July 2006. Pursuant to resolutions 61/66 and 62/47, the third biennial meeting was held from 14 to 18 July 2008 and, pursuant to resolutions 63/72 and 64/50, the fourth was held from 14 to 18 June 2010. Pursuant to resolutions 65/64 and 66/47, the second United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects (the Second Review Conference) was held in New York from 27 August to 7 September 2012.

3. In its resolution 67/58, the General Assembly decided, pursuant to the schedule of meetings for the period from 2012 to 2018 agreed at the Second Review

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Conference, to convene, in accordance with the relevant provision of the Programme of Action, a one-week biennial meeting of States, in New York in 2014 and 2016, and a one-week open-ended meeting of governmental experts in 2015, to consider the full and effective implementation of the Programme of Action.

4. Pursuant to resolution 67/58, the fifth biennial meeting was held from 16 to 20 June 2014. Pursuant to resolution 69/51, the second Open-ended Meeting of Governmental Experts on the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects was held from 1 to 5 June 2015.

II. Organizational matters

A. Opening and duration

5. The Sixth Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects was held at United Nations Headquarters from 6 to 10 June 2016, during the course of which [...] meetings were held to consider the implementation of the Programme of Action.

6. Secretariat services were provided by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management. The Office for Disarmament Affairs provided support on substantive issues.

7. The Sixth Biennial Meeting was opened by the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, who also conducted the election of the Chair.

B. Officers

8. At the 1st meeting, on 6 June 2016, the following officers were elected by acclamation:

Chair:

Courtenay Rattray (Jamaica)

Vice-Chairs:

Czech Republic, Djibouti, Indonesia, Iraq, Mexico, Nigeria, Slovakia, Sweden and Switzerland.

C. Adoption of the agenda

9. Also at the 1st meeting, the provisional agenda (A/CONF.192/BMS/2016/L.1) was approved as follows:

1. Opening of the meeting by the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs.
2. Election of the Chair.
3. Statement of the Chair.
4. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

5. Election of other officers of the meeting.

6. Consideration of the implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, at the national level, at the regional level — including through regional and subregional arrangements and organizations — and at the global level, and in the light of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

7. Consideration of the implementation of the International Instrument to Enable States to Identify and Trace, in a Timely and Reliable Manner, Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons, including recent developments in small arms and light weapons technology and their implications for the International Tracing Instrument.

8. Consideration of international cooperation and assistance for the full and effective implementation of the Programme of Action and the International Tracing Instrument, including capacity-building:

   (a) Ways to strengthen the implementation of the Programme of Action and the International Tracing Instrument through the provision of training, equipment and the transfer of technology;

   (b) Ways to ensure the adequacy, effectiveness and sustainability of assistance for the implementation of the Programme of Action and the International Tracing Instrument, including financial and technical assistance.

9. Other issues and topics of relevance for the effective implementation of the Programme of Action and the International Tracing Instrument.

10. Consideration of the draft final document.

11. Consideration and adoption of the report of the meeting.

10. At the same meeting, the provisional programme of work (A/CONF.192/BMS/2016/L.2) was approved.

D. Rules of procedure

11. Also at the 1st meeting, it was decided that the rules of procedure of the 2001 United Nations Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects (A/CONF.192/16) would be applied mutatis mutandis.

12. At the same meeting, a decision was taken on the participation of non-governmental organizations in the work of the Sixth Biennial Meeting.

E. Documentation

13. The documentation of the Sixth Biennial Meeting will be issued in document A/CONF.192/BMS/2016/INF/2.

14. National reports on the implementation of the Programme of Action were submitted to the Sixth Biennial Meeting by the following States: [...].

III. Proceedings

A. Consideration of the implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, at the national level, at the regional level — including through regional and subregional arrangements and organizations — and at the global level, and in the light of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

15. Agenda item 6 was considered at the 1st to 3rd meetings, on 6 and 7 June 2016. At the 1st meeting, the Permanent Representative of Kenya, Macharia Kamau, in his capacity as Co-Chair of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals and co-facilitator for the consultations and intergovernmental negotiations on the post-2015 development agenda, made a statement on the linkage between the Programme of Action and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

16. Also at the 1st meeting, statements were made by the representatives of _____. At the 2nd meeting, statements were made by the representatives of _____. At the 3rd meeting, statements were made by the representatives of _____.

B. Consideration of the implementation of the International Instrument to Enable States to Identify and Trace, in a Timely and Reliable Manner, Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons, including recent developments in small arms and light weapons technology and their implications for the International Tracing Instrument

17. Agenda item 7 was considered at the 3rd and 4th meetings, on 7 June 2016. At the 3rd meeting, statements were made by Gary Fleetwood, Australian Crime Commission, and Emmanuel Roux, International Criminal Police Organization. Also at the 3rd meeting, statements were made by the representatives of _____. At the 4th meeting, statements were made by the representatives of _____.

C. Consideration of international cooperation and assistance for the full and effective implementation of the Programme of Action and the International Tracing Instrument, including capacity-building

1. Ways to strengthen the implementation of the Programme of Action and the International Tracing Instrument through the provision of training, equipment and the transfer of technology

2. Ways to ensure the adequacy, effectiveness and sustainability of assistance for the implementation of the Programme of Action and the International Tracing Instrument, including financial and technical assistance

18. Agenda item 8 was considered at the 4th and 5th meetings, on 7 and 8 June 2016. At the 5th meeting, the Chief of the Conventional Arms Branch of the Office for Disarmament Affairs introduced the report of the Secretary-General, which had

been prepared pursuant to General Assembly resolution 70/49, taking into account requests made by Member States at the Second Review Conference. At the 4th meeting, statements were made by the representatives of _____. At the 5th meeting, statements were made by the representatives of _____.

D. Other issues and topics of relevance for the effective implementation of the Programme of Action and the International Tracing Instrument

19. Agenda item 9 was considered at the 8th meeting, on 9 June 2016. Statements were made by the representatives of [international and regional organizations]. Statements were also made by [non-governmental organizations and civil society]. Further statements were made by the representatives of _____.

IV. Adoption of the draft final document

20. At the 9th meeting, on 10 June 2016, under agenda item 10, it was decided to include in the present report the outcome of the Sixth Biennial Meeting on agenda items 6 to 9 (see annex).

V. Adoption of the report

21. At the 10th meeting, on 10 June 2016, the participants considered and adopted the draft report of the Sixth Biennial Meeting (A/CONF.192/BMS/2016/L.3) and authorized the Chair to finalize the report.

Annex

Outcome of the Sixth Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects

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